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## NOTICE TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS

All local unions of Clarksburg are requested to elect delegates to attend a meeting to be held in the old K. of C. Hall Sunday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing a local Trades and Labor Union.

## HAL CORBIN

Recording Secretary of Local No. 270 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

**TO MAKE VISITS.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Major M. A. Shockley, of the medical corps, who was appointed some time ago for a general supervision of the sanitary conditions of the organized militia, has been ordered to make, not exceeding one visit, every three months until June 30, to the sanitary organizations of the organized militia in Bluefield and Piedmont, W. Va.

## WAST

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tending from Kuno southward. The Eighth East Prussian army presumably has taken up the northern part of the line.

Thus it will be seen that an entirely new battle is about to be fought for the Germans are determined at all costs to keep the Russians out of their territory. The English correspondents are confining themselves to reports of the previous battle around Lodz, which is described as the most sanguinary of the war.

Interest shifts to Lorraine. On the western front interest tends to shift from Flanders to Lorraine which as usual at this time of year, has been very severe.

### RIFLE BUTTS RESORTED TO IN LODZ FIGHTING

PETROGRAD, via London, 11:20 p. m., Dec. 5.—Lodz was subjected yesterday to a vicious attack and bombardment. The heaviest fighting was for the possession of a Jewish story on the left bank of the Vistula. This position changed hands twice. As the result of many attacks and counter attacks the German and Russian troops exhausted their ammunition but continued fighting with bayonets and rifle butts.

The gas house in Lodz was damaged. The suburb of Balut was burned and three other outlying villages were destroyed by fire caused by exploding shells. Thirty citizens were killed and two hundred wounded. In Lodz fifty houses and a Catholic church were demolished. The Bourgeois Gazette says the Roman curia has requested the Austrian government, through the papal nuncio at Vienna, to remove from the cathedral at Cracow the wireless apparatus erected there and guns planted on the building.

### OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BY FRENCH GARRISON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Offensive operations by the French garrison of Belfort and German counter attacks were reported today from the French foreign office to the embassy here. The communication adds that destruction of German earthworks, mentioned in the war office statement of today, took place near Thann, a village which has been a disputed point since the beginning of the war. The despatch says in part:

"In the region of the woods of Hirtzbach the offensive taken by the garrison of Belfort has been slightly driven back. They still hold the west bank of the small lake in that vicinity. Our artillery at this point has inflicted considerable loss upon the enemy."

### GERMAN OFFICIAL PRESS BUREAU'S NEWS ITEMS

BERLIN, by wireless, Dec. 5.—Among the news items given to the press today by the German official press bureau were the following:

"The Russian newspaper, Novoe Vremya, demands the occupation of the island of Spitzbergen by Russia irrespective of Sweden or Norway's interests."

"Reports from Rotterdam say that the English war loan is in the market below the issue price."

"Eye witnesses of the entrance of the French and English troops into the Kamerun, a German colony of western equatorial Africa, say that the British caused the German women to be captured in their apartments by armed negroes and that they later were driven through the town."

"A great number of professors have protested against the charge that the Germans are conducting a barbarous warfare."

### STRUGGLE IN POLAND SHIFTS TO THE SOUTH

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 5, 7:55 p. m.—The center of the field of operations in the eastern arena of the war has moved to the south of Lodz in Russian Poland. The German effort centers at Szczeczin, twenty miles west of Piotrkow with that town the objective. Heavy fighting is reported also along the line from Glinow, sixteen miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river.

The strength of the German forces opposing the Russian left wing is estimated at five corps, each corps occupied a front from eight to ten miles in extent.

German Regiments Resting. There are indications that owing to the exhaustion of troops composing the German center most of those regiments which lost a large percentage of their fighting strength have been withdrawn or are resting on their arms and that fresher troops are holding the line during a temporary cessation in the battle.

News despatches from the front attribute the Russian success in crushing the German forces near Lodz chiefly to the miraculous endurance and tireless aggression of the Siberian troops.

The entire wooded region from Brzeziny to Kurpin is described in these despatches as a German graveyard. Here an unsupported Siberian battalion is reported to have charged a battery of heavy German artillery and to have bayoneted the gunners. The dead and wounded in this district are reported to be so thick that the Russian hospital corps after working three days had not cleared the field. Most of the Germans treated showed bayonet wounds.

Numerous Charred Bodies. The fire-blackened ruins of the village of Kurpin, despatches from the front say, are packed with the charred bodies of Germans, who took refuge from Siberian bayonets to fall under the fire of a Russian battery.

Despatches from Poland say that the German disaster began with a charge of the Siberians at Rzgow, a town six miles south of Lodz, where the Germans were entrenched in a slight rise of the ground. The Siberians deployed and attacked the German position from two sides. The unexpectedness of the Russian assault surprised the Germans and the first trenches were quickly taken, though the Germans soon recaptured them. In the next three hours these trenches were taken and re-

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taken three times.

On being dislodged finally at Rzgow the Germans retreated northward being pounded by the Russians until the main body of Germans was reached.

### DESTRUCTION OF YPRES OUTCOME OF FAILURE

LONDON, Dec. 5.—8:25 p. m.—The official "eye witness" with the British army headquarters on the continent in a narrative dated December 2 says that the destruction of the Belgian town of Ypres by the Germans suggests that it was "really the outcome of disappointment and exasperation at its resistance and at the failure of the much-advertised plan for capture."

The writer points out that up to the end of October the Germans had contented themselves with bombarding points where the British headquarters was believed to be stationed and other places such as the railway station, where destruction would be of military value.

The shelling of the town itself began in earnest only on the night of November 5 since which date it was maintained intermittently. That the town escaped so long apparently was due to the fact that up till November 5 the Germans had counted on capturing it.

The last attack in force was delivered on November 17. Four days later the Germans commenced to pour a stream of shells into the central market place and whereas the cloth hall and the cathedral both had escaped material damage until then these two historic buildings were blazing before the day closed.

The writer states on good authority that the Germans renamed Ostend "Calais," which he says was done with the object of deceiving German soldiers into the belief that Calais and Paris were in German hands.

A few minor local successes are recorded by the eye witness both the French and British forces, he says, having advanced slightly and taken some German trenches.

## BRUNETTE

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Michael Igoe, a former member of the Illinois legislature, and at present first assistant in the office of the United States district attorney, is said to have pretended to fall in with the scheme in order to obtain evidence. His testimony formed a basis for her arrest.

In the end, according to a formal statement, issued by Igoe, she proposed and formulated the proposal in a written agreement that if the government officials would assist her in extorting \$50,000 from Alexander she would give them half of it to be split among them. The other half of the sum she said she would keep and out of it she must pay her attorney, she said, according to Igoe.

## NEW

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was planning to destroy the British owned railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City by blowing up certain tunnels.

The ambassador also informed the department that Carranza had seized at Vera Cruz British cotton consigned to interior mills as well as other shipments of British goods. He is understood to have made no specific request of the United States and his action was in line with the established policy of communicating to the department all reports from Mexico City.

Grave concern was expressed, however, over the reported threat of Carranza to put the railway, the only line operated between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, out of commission. If this were done by destroying tunnels a long time would be required to restore traffic.

## FIERCE GALE

At Hampton Roads Lines the Shores with Boats and High Tide Floods Streets.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 5.—Hampton Roads was swept today by what was said to have been the severest northeast storm in twenty-eight years. A forty-two mile gale lined the shores with small boats and a high tide flooded streets near the waterfront here and at Hampton.

Shipping suffered little damage. The passenger steamer, Pennsylvania, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad fleet, crashed into the pier of Old Point Comfort and was slightly damaged. Two barges broke away from a tug at Lynnhaven inlet and one went ashore.

No loss of life has been reported. The century-old frigate, Constellation, being towed from Washington to her regular station at Newport, R. I., floundered near Thimble shoals in Chesapeake bay. The Constellation is at anchor and in no serious danger. Tugs have gone to her aid.

## BASEBALL CASUALTIES

During the Year Numbers Thirty-five and 918 Are Injured at That Sport.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to figures made public today by a sport writer, who kept a tabulation of the season's records.

Of the players who died from injuries twenty were hit by pitched balls, three were struck by bats, four were in collision, four over-exerted themselves, one was hurt sliding to a base, and one was killed in a fight.

### To Be Created by Congress in Resolutions of National Civic Federation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Resolutions advocating the creation by Congress of a council of national defense were adopted today by the National Civic Federation after a discussion on national preparedness against attack that occupied much of the time of the last day of the federation conference here. The duties of the council recommended would be "to consider, decide and report to Congress what legislation is necessary to provide for the national defense without waste or unnecessary expense."

Any recommendation of the proposed council should in the language of the resolution "aim to secure the efficiency of existing forces on land and sea and a definite policy to insure peace." The executive committee of the National Civic Federation is requested to appoint a commission to advocate the creation of the national defense council.

The resolution moved by Talcott Williams, director of the school of Journalism of Columbia University, was adopted unanimously being supported in remarks by prominent members of the federation who had previously discussed from various angles the question of the national defense.

## PETITION

In Involving Bankruptcy is Filed by Creditors of Congressman Moss.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 5.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed late Saturday afternoon in the office of the United States court clerk here by three local concerns as creditors against Congressman H. H. Moss. The petition which is the usual form sets out that Mr. Moss owes unsecured debts in excess of \$500 and hasn't sufficient assets to pay the indebtedness.

The combined claims of the three creditors total about \$1,200. Saturday, December 26, is the date set by the petition for the de-show cause if any headaoualyaas fendant t oappear in court and show cause if any he can, why he should not be adjudged a bankrupt.

## CATTLE DISEASE

Is Expected to Be under Complete Control by the First of the New Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot-and-mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by the first of the year. Fred P. Johnson, of Denver, manager of the Western National Stock Show, scheduled to be held next January, called at the department today and discussed the situation with Secretary Houston and Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry. Both officials, Johnson said, urged that the show be postponed three or four weeks to make safety certain.

Mr. Johnson said he had been informed the present outbreak already had cost the government nearly \$1,200,000 largely in payment for slaughtered infected cattle and to maintain a force of seven hundred inspectors in the field.

## ENDLESS STREAM

Of Austrian and German Prisoners is Passing the City of Minsk Now.

LONDON, Dec. 6, 4:50 a. m.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from its Minsk correspondent says that an endless stream of Austrian and German prisoners is passing through the city on the way to the interior of Russia. The number yesterday alone was 86 officers and 5,014 soldiers.

## WILD HOG

Is Shot and Killed in Mountains of Webster County, This State.

WEBSTER SPRINGS, Dec. 5.—Ell (Rimfire) Stout, Hamrick, Frank Hamrick and Frank Gregory were hog that had been running wild in Mountain and killed a very dangerous hog that had been running wild in the woods for the last five years. The animal was extremely vicious and made a pass at Franklin Hamrick that might have proved fatal. Mr. Hamrick in trying to escape to a vantage point, was tripped, falling on his back; but as luck was favoring him just at this time, he seized a heavy splitter lying by his side and as he raised himself from the ground, he landed a heavy blow on the maddened animal's head which checked his German-like charge till a bullet could be planted in his brain. The distance between the tusks from point to point measured six and one-half inches.

### FOREIGN PARCEL POST IS RESUMED

Parcel post service has been resumed between this country, Germany and Austria-Hungary. When the war began in Europe the parcel post service to these countries was discontinued, but arrangements permitting its resumption have been completed by the postoffice department.

The only countries to which there is no parcel post service from the United States are Belgium, Turkey and that part of northwestern France directly affected by the fighting between the allies and the Germans.

# Christmas News

*From A Store Where Men of Discernment Buy Clothes For Themselves.*

*You Will Find It a Real Pleasure to Come Here to Solve the Christmas Problem of What to Give Father, Brother, Son or Sweetheart.*

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## HIGHWAY BODY RETAINS LIGHT

As One of Its Secretaries for the Year as He is Right Man for the Place.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—One of the things being urged by the Good Roads Society since the Atlanta convention, and one topic on which much was said at the meeting, was the necessity of a thorough course in road making, construction and maintenance of highways in the state universities.

One speaker made the assertion that "ten thousand men can make a watch, where one man can make a road." While that was obviously an exaggeration, the speaker left a very strong impression in the minds of his audience that road-making is of necessity becoming a more highly specialized affair and one which calls for vocational training and scientific study, so that when the towns and counties go deep into their pockets to secure good roads, with supplementary state aid, there will be no less through a penny wise and pound foolish policy in the use of the funds, or through lack of intelligence in actual construction.

The meeting of the board of directors of the American Highway Association is in session in Washington this week at which time the membership of the permanent legislative committee will be announced. The executive secretary and field secretary are appointed by the board but it is thought that there will be changes made this year, and that the present secretaries, I. S. Pennybacker and Charles P. Light, the latter of West Virginia, will be retained.

## COPIES

Of the War Tax Law Are Requested by Many Citizens of West Virginia.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—All of the senators and congressmen of the West Virginia delegation have, during the week, received hundreds of requests for copies of the war tax bill. From the First district alone over 200 requests have been received at Congressman Neely's office. One clause of the new bill will prove a boon to assessors, and assist in returning valuations of property, as the bill provides that in every deed for land, or conveyance of title, the sum total of the sale, must be included in the deed.

### KING GEORGE RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—King George has returned from France, where he visited the British forces at the front. The king arrived at Buckingham Palace this evening.

## TRACTION CASE

Comes before State Public Service Commission in Form of a Complaint.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

CHARLESTON, Dec. 5.—The common carrier division of the public service commission has received a formal complaint from the citizens of Clarksburg and Bridgeport against the Monongahela Valley Traction Company which operates an electric line between Clarksburg, Fairmont and Bridgeport, W. Va.

It is alleged in this complaint that the street car company has not established and does not maintain adequate and suitable facilities in its business of conveying people from the city of Clarksburg to the town of Bridgeport, a distance of six miles, and that there are no station facilities or platform at Grassell, which is the transfer point for passengers en route to Bridgeport, and that small cars are used from Grassell to Bridgeport which are not adequate to provide proper transportation facilities and the cars used on this connection are operated by hand brakes which in the opinion of the complainants are not considered safe, as there are several heavy grades between Grassell and Bridgeport.

The matter will be investigated and set for a hearing at a later date. The complainants are represented by Attorneys Stout and Merendino, of Clarksburg.

## EUGENIC STANDARDS

Are to Be Applied to Employment under the Federal Reserve Board.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Eugenic standards are to be applied to employment under the federal reserve board. Medical examinations for applicants for positions, although not positively exacted are desired by express statement in the circular issued this week, under the signature of Sherman Allen, assistant secretary of the reserve board. No applicant who has any physical defect of a nature specified or who is not able bodied and physically capable of performing manual labor will be admitted to the examination. The physical defects enumerated are so many, that a casual glance at the list inspires one with the belief that the prevalent "foot and mouth" disease is the only one that has been overlooked.

### GENEROUS DONATION FOR WAR SUFFERERS

The stockholders of the Salem Cooperative Glass Company have authorized their officers to donate \$100 each month of the present fire for the relief of suffering Belgians. This will mean a gift of at least \$800, as the plan will remain in operation for eight months. The company is composed almost exclusively of Belgians.

## AVIS'S SECRETARY

As Well as That of Moss Will Arrive in the City of Washington Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Miss Norma Lee Johnson, the efficient secretary of Congressman S. B. Ayres, will arrive here Sunday from Charleston where Congressman Ayres has been conducting his congressional duties since the close of Congress. Donald Lowe, secretary to Congressman Moss will also arrive from West Virginia Sunday. The offices of Congressman Ayres and Moss were the only two that have been closed, the rest of the delegation maintaining their regular offices in Washington. It is expected that all the members of the West Virginia delegation will arrive here by Monday next to be present at the opening of the short session of Congress.

## EXAMINATION

For Stenographers and Typewriters Will Be Held in Washington January 28.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—A civil service examination for stenographers and typewriters will be held in Washington January 28 for both the departmental and Panama canal service. It was announced by the civil service commission this week. Those desiring to take the examinations can obtain full details of the requirements by request for information to the commission headquarters in this city.

## MAJOR JACKSON

Is Ordered from Dallas District to the Wheeling Office of Federal Engineers.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Major Thomas H. Jackson, of the Corps of Engineers, United States army, who has been in charge of the Dallas, Tex., district has been ordered to assume control of the Wheeling office, with charge of the Ohio river and its tributaries between the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati districts. He will be succeeded at Dallas by Major W. J. Barden. Major Jackson was born in Canada forty years ago, was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Michigan and was graduated in 1899.

### WARSHIPS NEAR LIMA.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 5.—Five warships passed Matlapiego bound northward Friday morning. Their nationality is unknown.

### BOMBS DROPPED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—I. A. M.—An Austrian aeroplane dropped two bombs yesterday on Ostende, according to a Reuter despatch from the Maritime area capital. No damage was done.